

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 08.146

APPLICANT: Dwight Hensley (Chief of Engineering)
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LOCATION: Reelfoot Lake
Lake County
Air Park access N36.46630, W-89.34906
Champy Pocket access N36.4000, W-89.4462
Gray's Camp access N36.4550, W-89.3606

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The project site is located near Tiptonville in the Obion watershed (HUC #8010202) on the shores of Reelfoot Lake. Reelfoot Lake is currently listed as an Outstanding Natural Resource Water (ONRW). The Tennessee portion of the Obion River (North Fork) Watershed is located in West Tennessee and includes parts of Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, and Weakley Counties. The Obion River system is the primary surface water drainage system of northwest Tennessee and is comprised of four major forks, the North Fork, Middle Fork, South Fork and Rutherford Fork, that flow as separate streams for the majority of their lengths. The confluences of these forks are only a few miles above the mouth of the Obion's discharge into the Mississippi River.

More information available at:

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to remove three deteriorating boat ramps and install three new boat ramps to provide boater access on Reelfoot Lake. The existing ramps are located at Air Park, Champy Pocket Access Area, and Gray's Camp. The existing ramps, which will be removed, are 12' wide and made of concrete; the new structures will be 15' feet wide and constructed of steel reinforced concrete. Ramps will be constructed in the dry and pushed into place. Net fill will be less than fifty cubic yards and will include stone along with reinforced concrete.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Tiptonville & Samburg

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Benjamin Brown

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

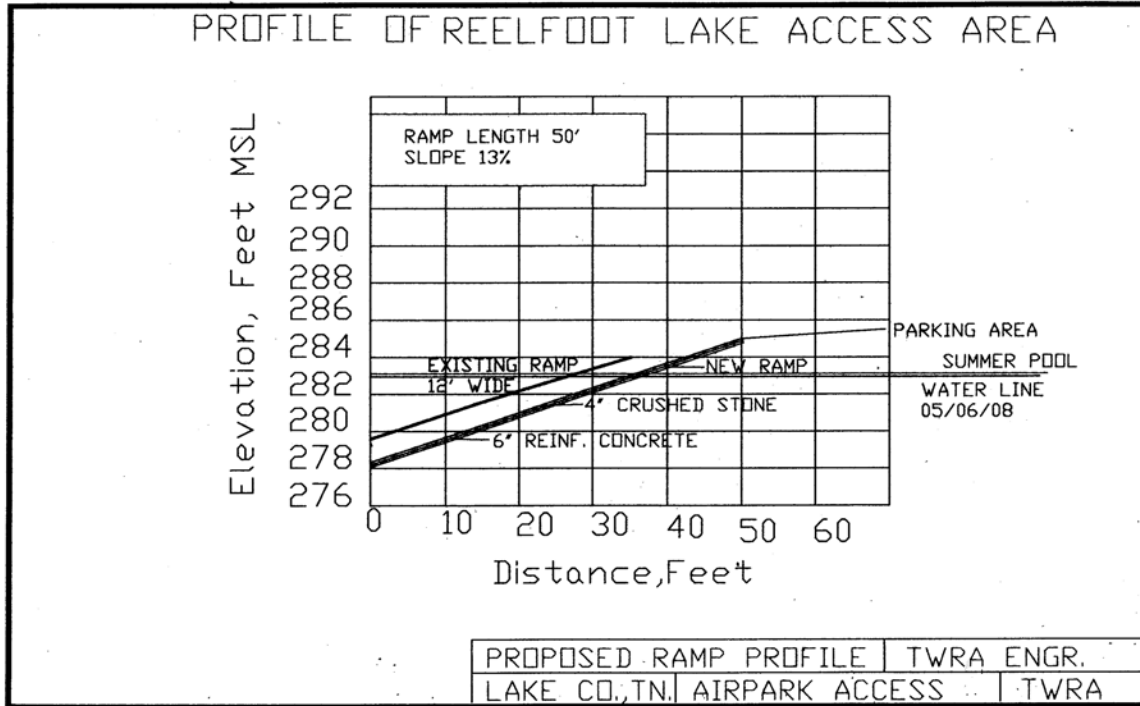
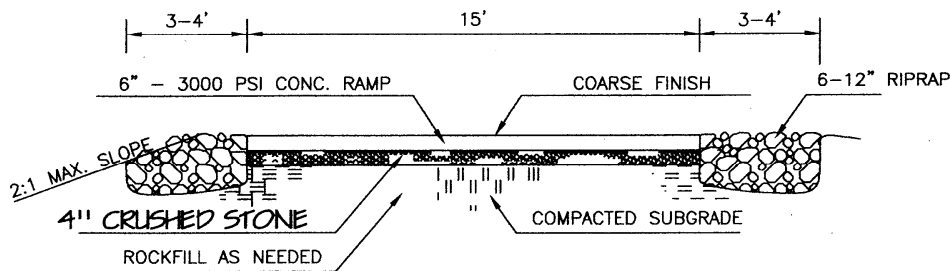


Figure 1. Profile view of existing and proposed ramps.



TYPICAL SECTION
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

Figure 2. Typical cross section view of proposed ramps on Reelfoot Lake.



Figure 3. Image of existing ramp located at Air Park access area.